
Construction Highlights - June, 2003

Current Project Schedule

The demolition and excavation work for the project was completed by May 23rd, in time for the City's Hyperfix project to begin.

In mid-May, workers began to prepare the foundation for the installation of the tower crane, and the first tower crane section was raised on May 28th. [Hagerman Construction Corporation](#) is the prime contractor responsible for the project's tower structure. Hagerman has contracted with [MAXIM Crane Works](#) to provide the tower crane for the project. The crane will initially be utilized by [Shook LLC](#), the prime contractor responsible for the garage concrete structure. The crane is expected to be completed and operational by early June.



A system was put in place during April and May to remove the ground water from the excavation area until the foundations are in place. This dewatering system consists of five wells and pumps strategically located throughout the site. Approximately 3,000 gallons of water per minute are pumped through a series of pipes located on the perimeter of the construction site with the excess water, which has been tested for water quality, draining into the White River.

Milestones

To mark the end of the mass excavation work and completing the project prior to the Hyperfix project, an event appropriately titled, the "bottoming out" celebration, took place live from bottom of the pit on Tuesday, May 20th. Members of the Library Board, the Library Foundation, the Central Library project team, and representatives of the various construction firms all took turns shoveling out the last cubic yards of dirt.



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On Friday, May 16th, IMCPL was pleased to host Chris Wright from WTHR, Channel 13, to broadcast his weather report from the bottom of the pit. Several live reports were presented during the evening news. The Indianapolis community had the first opportunity to see the size of the excavation site and here about the status of the project in this unique way.



Activities for the Month of June

The restoration and cleaning of the limestone surface on the original Cret building continues. This process involves power-washing the surface, removing stains and discolorations with chemicals, and cleaning out old mortar between the limestone blocks and replacing it with new mortar. Additional work will be performed on the building to clean, reglaze, and seal all the windows.



After the demolition of the former book stacks area was completed, some interior walls were left exposed. During June, workers will temporarily seal these formerly interior walls with an elastomeric sealant to protect them from the weather. As the new six-story addition rises, these walls will once again become interior walls.



June marks the beginning of actual construction as the footings for the parking garage are dug in preparation for the concrete work for the parking structure.

